

THE SHOESTRING STRIP

# Shoestring Strip Has 45,752 Population, Planners Estimate

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As of October of last year, according to the County Regional Planning Commission, the Shoestring area had a population of 45,752. Of course we are small compared to Torrance with a population of 85,565.

San Pedro PTA Health Center "open house" last Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Speakers for the day were Dr. Roger Aubuchon, heart specialist, and Dr. George Murphy, orthopedic surgeon. The mental health clinic was also opened for inspection.

Refreshments were served by the Cabrillo PTA and representatives from youth organizations. Many PTA presidents and principals of all schools in the Lomita-San Pedro Council attended the affair.

## GAS CO. NAMES NEW ASSISTANT MANAGER

J. L. Fitch, former Inglewood office manager for Southern California Edison Co., has been appointed assistant district manager in Redondo Beach, according to an announcement today by G. L. Blanchard, Redondo district manager.

Carol Fryback, 1502 W. 221st, is a very happy girl these days. Carol has just returned from a trip to Utah with her grandmother, Mrs. A. Haun.

She spent a week in Salt Lake City visiting relatives and played many hours in the snow. But now that she is

home she is really pleased with the sunny days.

Mrs. Stella Mae Hanni, 21524 Denker Ave., died while at work at the Harbor General Hospital. She was a nurse in the hospital.

Mrs. Hanni leaves her husband, Walter, and three children. Services were held at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary. Interment was at the Green Hills cemetery with Rev. C. Miles Northrup as the minister holding the services.

Mrs. Ben Rusk's mother, Mrs. I. Parker, is staying with her. She came from Long Beach to make her home at the Rusk home on 221st.

Mrs. Parker underwent surgery last week at the California Hospital in Los Angeles. She will remain in the hospital for two or three weeks.

A potluck birthday luncheon was held at the home of Margaret Baudin to celebrate the birthdays of seven of its members. Six of these were in January and that of Pearl Greer whose birthday falls in February.

Those honored were Carrie Gipe, Rose Shepherd, Jessie McCormick, Frances Coble, Stelma Norris and Catharine (Kay) Mitchell.

Other members attending were Della Moon, Lucille Meyer, Louis Davis, Mary Chiara. A very delightful time was had by all and many lovely gifts were received by the happy members.

Parents of the Wabonka, Little Arrow, and Red Hawk tribes held a special meeting Monday at Normandale Recreation Center.

This meeting was to discuss plans for expanding the Woodcraft Ranger program in the

Shoestring Strip area.

Anyone interested in having their boy or girl, ages 8-11, can contact Mrs. June Morris at FA 8-2341 for information.

Persons interested in leadership will be given necessary training.

Those little white square "things" are now hanging on the back clothesline of the Klepach home at 1529 W. 222nd St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klepach are happy to announce to the world that they are now parents. They call their new heir Harry Jr. He checked in at the Torrance Hospital weighing 8½ lbs. He was born Jan. 28.

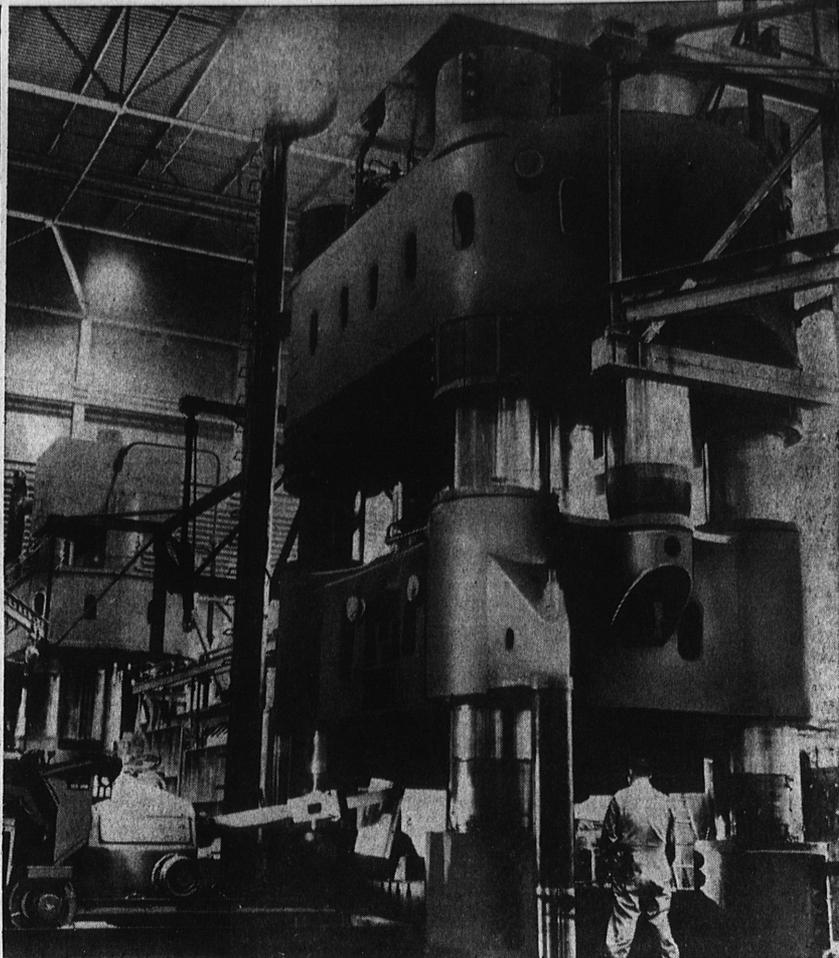
Mrs. Klepach was greatly surprised a week ago. She was invited down to Mrs. Rita Doge's home, 1525 W. 222nd St., for coffee. When she walked in there sat 30 of her friends and neighbors. Rita and Dorothy Pole had gone to a lot of trouble and gave her a lovely shower.

Many games were played throughout the evening. Then delicious cake and ice cream was served after Mrs. Klepach opened many beautiful tiny garments in gaily decorated packages.

The Girl Scout cookie sale starts Feb. 8 and the girls will be knocking on your door asking for support. The cookies are only 50 cents a box.

Laura Robertson underwent surgery at the Torrance Hospital Friday morning. She had her tonsils and adenoids out but she is at home now and feeling pretty good.

The regular board meeting of the 223rd Street School PTA will be on Feb. 11 at 9:30 in the school auditorium. All board members are urged to attend.



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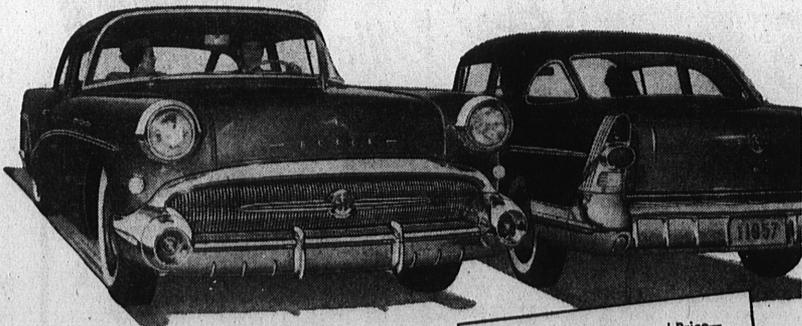
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## Civic Opera Opens Cast Selections

Casting for the musical play, "Paint Your Wagon," which opens the South Bay Civic Opera's season, will continue Feb. 5 and 8 at Redondo High School beginning at 7:30 each evening, according to Melville Tully, director, and Lucy Najera, coordinator.

The story is told with dancing, music, and all of the theater arts, Tully reports. It is on Broadway at the Schubert Theater, Nov. 12, 1951. The book and lyrics were written by Alan Jay Lerner, the music by Frederick Loewe, composers of "Brigadoon" and "My Fair Lady."

about the life and death of a ghost town... a story man, Ben Rumson, who has a dream and pursues.

Rumson's dream is to make something of his life, but his concern for his daughter, Jennifer, creates a conflict.

The story is "real Americana," Tully reports.

## 'Mrs. America' Search Opened By Gas Company

Local homemakers will once more be vying with their counterparts from all over the state in the search for California's No. 1 "keeper of the hearth," according to plans for the 19th annual "Mrs. America" contest released yesterday.

Eligible to enter the "Mrs. America" competition are local homemakers, married, and 21 years of age or over. They will be competing for the coveted "Mrs. America" title and more than \$15,000 worth of prizes, the reward for the national winner. Contestants in the search for "Mrs. California," next-to-last step in the nationwide competition, will share in some \$10,000 worth of prizes.

First step for would-be contestants is to obtain application blanks at local gas company offices. From the field of applicants, a group of top local homemaker entrants will be chosen to compete for victory in regional finals. The regional winners will then travel to the Beverly Hilton early in April for the three-day state finals which will name "Mrs. California."

### Cigaret Starts Early Morning Fire in Couch

A cigaret left on the couch apparently started a fire in the Douglas Abbey home at 4536 Bulova St., early Saturday morning, Torrance firemen reported.

The couch was badly damaged in the 2 a.m. blaze, and considerable smoke damage was done to the house.

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